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SUBJECT: LATE LIGHTWEIGHT FIGHTER DEVELOPMENTS

REF BRUSSELS 1971

1) ON MAR 7 COPENHAGEN LEFT-WING DAILY "INFORMATION" CARRIED STORY ATTRIBUTED TO "GOVERNMENT SOURCE IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 6" WHO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE US HAD EXPANDED ITS OFFER TO INCLUDE UNLIMITED CONSORTIUM OFF-SET PARTICIPATION IN AIRCRAFT SOLD TO THIRD COUNTRIES (REFTEL)

2) COMMERCE MINISTRY'S PROJECT OFFICER KATE GALLE TELEPHONED US AFTERNNON MAR 7 TO REFLECT DISSATISFACTION WITH THE DANISH OFF-SET OF ONLY 63 P.C. CURRENTLY AT CONFIDENTIAL

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TRIBUTABLE UNDER THE 1500-AIRPLANE PROGRAM. SHE SAID

THE DANES REALIZE THAT THE CONSORTIUM-WIDE OFFSET OF 88 P.C. COULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE EXACTLY DUPLICATED IN EACH MEMBER COUNTRY. DENMARK'S 63 PC FIGURE WAS UNREASONABLE LOW HOWEVER WHILE THE 110 PC OFFSET OF THE DUTCH WAS UNREASONABLY HIGH. SHE SAID THAT BELGIANS WERE COOPERATING WITH DANISH ATTEMPTS TO GAIN A FAIRER SHARE OF THE OFFSET BUT THAT THE DUTCH WEE OFFERING STILL RESISTENCE TO ANY REALIGNMENT THAT WOULD REDUCE THEIR SHARE. SHE MENTIONED THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE AREAS FOR INCREASED DANISH PARTICIPATION: THE DIGITAL SCAN CONVEYER AND HEAD UP DISPLAY (BOTH NOW ASSIGNED TO BELGIUM) AND THE LANDING GEAR WHICH THE NETHERLANDS PRESENTLY HOLDS.

- 3) GALLE NOTED THAT SHE WOULD BE A MEMBER OF THE DANISH TEAM WHICH WILL BE PRESENT FOR THE MARCH 10 MEETING IN BRUSSELS AND THAT THE CONSORTIUM MINISTERS MEETING HAS NOW BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL MARCH 24.
- 4) LAST WEDNESDAY WE WERE FINALLY ABLE TO BRING TOGETHER THE GENERAL DYNAMICS RESIDENT REP WILLIAM PRICE WITH CHARLES HANSEN OF THE METALWORKERS UNION. ALTHOUGH HANSEN REMAINS TO BE CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR ANY REPLACEMENT FIGHTER FOR DENMARK HE APPROACHED THE SUBJECT WITH AN OPEN MIND AND SAID HE WAS FAVOR ABLY INPRESSED BY WHAT HE KNOW OF THE F-16'S PERFORMANCE
- 5) AMB WILL GIVE A SMALL LUNCHEON ON MARCH 12 FOR P-W PRESIDENT TORELL TO MEET KEY DANES INVOLVED IN THE FIGHER PURCHASE.
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